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SUBJECT: GINZBURG TRIAL: FOURTH DAY

1. EMBOFF IN KALUGA REPORTS THAT, ACCORDING TO
GINZBURG'S MOTHER, HE SPOKE FOR ONE HOUR AND FORTY
MINUTES IN HIS OWN DEFENSE JULY 13. HE REPORTEDLY
ARGUED THAT THE DOCUMENTS HE PREPARED WERE FACTUALLY
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CORRECT, THAT THE LITERATURE HE CIRCULATED WAS NOT
ANTI-SOVIET AND THE PLACE OF ITS PUBLICATION WAS
NOT SIGNIFICANT, AND THAT THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT
SUPPORTED HIS ACTIVITIES. AS THE WESTERN WIRE
SERVICES REPORTED, HE SAID HE WANTED TO USE THIS
"LAST OPPORTUNITY" TO SEND SUPPORT TO SHCHARANSKIY,
PARTICULARLY BECAUSE GINZBURG KNEW WHAT IT MEANT TO

SIT IN JAIL AWAITING DEATH. (MRS. GINZBURG LATER SAID HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN THREATENED WITH THE CHARGE OF TREASON DURING THE PRE-TRIAL INVESTIGATION.)

2. GINZBURG'S WIFE WAS NOT ADMITTED TO THE COURTROOM JULY 13. A COURT OFFICIAL INFORMED HER THAT THE JUDGE SAID HE HAD GIVEN HER TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN READMITTANCE, SHE HAD NOT AVAILED HERSELF OF THEM, AND HE SAW NO POINT IN CONSIDERING THE MATTER FURTHER. SHE THEN SENT TWO URGENT TELEGRAMS, ONE TO BREZHNEV, THE OTHER TO KGB CHIEF ANDROPOV, ASKING THAT THEY INTERVENE AND ORDER THAT SHE BE ALLOWED IN THE COURTROOM.

3. GINZBURG'S MOTHER SAID HE LOOKED "VERY SICK," WAS TIRED, AND REQUESTED TWO BREAKS DURING THE PROCEEDINGS. HIS REQUEST WAS GRANTED, ALTHOUGH THE BREAKS WERE ONLY FOR FIVE AND TEN MINUTES, RESPECTIVELY. HIS MOTHER NOTED THAT NEITHER THE JUDGE NOR THE PROSECUTOR MENTIONED THE CSCE MONITORING GROUP PER SE, NOR WAS THE UNITED STATES SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED.

4. THE SENTENCE APPARENTLY WILL BE PRONOUNCED JULY 14.

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5. IN AN UNUSUAL DEVELOPMENT, THE COURT DOCTOR WAS INTERVIEWED BY WESTERN JOURNALISTS AFTER THE JULY 13 COURT SESSION. THE DOCTOR SAID THAT GINZBURG'S BLOOD PRESSURE HAD RISEN TO 160/90, BUT DROPPED TO 120/80 AFTER AN INJECTION OF A DRUG "DINETON." THE DOCTOR SAID GINZBURG HAD AN ULCER, BUT IT WAS NOT ACTIVE, AND THAT GINZBURG'S PULSE WAS OVER 70 AND "GOOD." HIS GENERAL HEALTH WAS DESCRIBED AS "SATISFACTORY." ASKED IF GINZBURG WAS WEAK AFTER HIS LENGTHY IMPRISONMENT, THE DOCTOR SAID HE WAS WEAK, AS WAS GENERALLY TRUE OF PRISONERS. THE DOCTOR ADDED THAT GINZBURG HAD NOT EXERCISED ADEQUATELY, APPARENTLY BECAUSE HE DISLIKED EXERCISE. THE DOCTOR ALSO NOTED THAT GINZBURG SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO "MODERATE WORK" IN PRISON.

6. FIVE WESTERN JOURNALISTS WERE IN KALUGA JULY 13, ALONG WITH AN OFFICER FROM THE CANADIAN EMBASSY. SOME 25-30 GINZBURG SUPPORTERS, INCLUDING SAKHAROV AND HIS WIFE, WERE OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM.

7. EMBOFF REPORTED THAT THE TELEPHONE IN HIS HOTEL ROOM WAS PUT IN WORKING ORDER EVENING OF JULY 12, JUST IN TIME FOR HIM TO RECEIVE SEVERAL HARASSING CALLS -- ONE FROM A SULTRY-SOUNDING YOUNG LADY WHO INDICATED AN INTEREST IN MEETING EMBOFF. EMBOFF WAS TOLD THAT MRS. GINZBURG HAD A TAPE RECORDER, WHICH SHE HAD BROUGHT TO KALUGA. SHE LEFT THE RECORDER IN HER ROOM JULY 12, AND WHEN SHE RETURNED THAT EVENING THE RECORDER HAD BEEN RENDERED INOPERATIVE. EMBOFF ALSO LEARNED FROM A LOCAL OFFICIAL THAT THE TELEPHONE OFFICE

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IN KALUGA HAD INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO ACCEPT ANY CALLS TO "CAPITALIST COUNTRIES" UNTIL JULY 24.

8. FOR THE RECORD, EMBOFF UNDERSTANDS THAT OF THE 20 WITNESSES APPEARING DURING THE TRIAL, SIX

HAD BEEN DEFENSE WITNESSES (SELECTED BY THE
COURT FROM A LIST OF 25 REQUESTED BY GINZBURG).
ONE WAS THE HEAD OF VLADIMIR PRISON, ONE WAS THE
CHIEF OF A PRISON CAMP, TWO WERE JOURNALISTS WHO
HAD WRITTEN A STORY DENYING THAT A DOCK STRIKE
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TOOK PLACE IN RIGA, AND TWO WERE MEDICAL DOCTORS.
GINZBURG REPORTEDLY WAS NOT ALLOWED TO CROSS-
EXAMINE THESE WITNESSES. MATLOCK

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